

MERCENARIES & DISCIPLES

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JOHN 12:1-19



REMEMBER YOUR MISSION.

Devotee: an ardent follower, supporter, or enthusiast. We could say a devotee is a *committed* disciple. Not only are they following but they are a *committed* follower.

Mercenary: one that serves merely for wages; (of a person or their behavior) primarily concerned with making money at the expense of ethics.

Storyline

- Mary's **public** sacrifice and Judas' **secret** greed – 12:1-8
- Jesus' growing **popularity** and the Pharisees' deepening **resentment** – 12:9-11
- Triumphant entry: Crowds followed because of the signs and the Pharisees sulked because of power loss – 12:12-19

Mercenaries and disciples

- Mercenaries serve for what they can **get**. Disciples serve to advance the **mission**.
- Mercenaries follow the **money**. Disciples follow the mission.
- Mercenaries understand personal **gain**. Disciples understand personal **sacrifice** for a greater goal than themselves.